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APPLICANT : Rothschild et al.  
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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER

To the Assistance Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 14, 2002, enclosed please find the following documents:

- (1) Petition and Fee for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a)
- (2) Amendment in response to August 14, 2002 Office Action;

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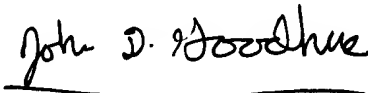
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- (3) Submission of "Sequence Listing", for Biotechnology Invention Containing Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence;
- (4) Paper copy of sequence listing;
- (5) Statement to Support Filings and Submissions in Accordance with 37 CFR § 1.821-1.825;
- (6) Check for \$930 for extension fees (3 months, large entity).

If any additional fees are needed, please charge Deposit Account No. 26-0084.

Respectfully submitted,



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**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a request under the provision of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response in the above identified application for three months from November 14, 2002 to February 14, 2003.

Applicant is a large entity; therefore, a check in the amount of \$930.00 for three months is enclosed to cover the cost of the extension.

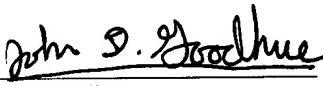
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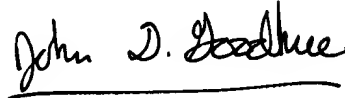
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